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March 9.

Dear Muir:

This is dead  
confidential.

Grish went to Wash.  
ington for the Commission-  
ship of Public Lands (ye gods!).  
He will not get it. He will  
be lucky if he gets anything  
outside of Wash. The powers  
that be have been enlightened  
as to his Cal. reputation. I  
have written two letters and  
G.P. is pretty well ventilated.

I suppose the Cameron bill failed. I sent the Noble report to nearly every member of both Public Lands Committees and I doubt not your telegram finished the business. I'm sorry there isn't to be an extra session for now no investigating Committee can go into Yosemite till a year from next June and the special will not ~~be~~ <sup>come up</sup> till the special session of 1894-5. You see how important it is for Re-cession to succeed in your legislature this winter.

With Noble's reservation as a weapon you could succeed, I think.

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As it is, public opinion must be worked up anew. The iron will cool again & the forge will have to be re-fired. This is going to be a great year for decent things at Wash. & it ought to be at Sacramento. But if you can't, you can't.

If there any hope of a new set of Commissioners who will get Olmsted's advice. I think we

don't care who manages  
the valley if it is done  
well.

I wish you were  
coming East and could  
see the new Secy of the  
Interior on the general policy  
of managing the new reserv-  
ations. Come & see me.

How about those Al-  
aska articles?

With remembrance to Mr. Muir

Very cordially yours

R. H. Johnson.

The article on you appears  
in the May No. I timed it  
for the expected extra session when  
you would be an issue - worth standing  
by.